(ii) The distribution of foodgrains to the Public Distribution System is also mostly made through the State Governments or their agencies.

(iii) The storage capacity required for foodgrains is only partly owned by FCI. The balance requirements of FCI are met by other agencies such as Central Warehousing Corporation, State Warehousing Corporations, etc.

(iv) The organisational structure of FCI is decentralised into zones, regions and districts. Adequate powers, commensurate with functional requirements, have been delegated to the managerial personnel at successive levels.

Allocation of Wheat to Maharashtra

2557. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that, in view of the drought situation faced by a large part of Maharashtra, the State Government has requested the Central Government to step up State's monthly allocation of wheat and rice to 1.50 lakhs M.Ts. and 0.75 lakh MTs. respectively; and

(b) if so, what action has so far been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) The Government of Maharashtra had requested for additional allocation of 50,000 tonnes of wheat and 25,000 tonnes of rice from the Central Pool for the PDS over and above the January, 1992 allocation Accordingly, the allocation of wheat and rice for January, 1992 was increased by 13,000 tonnes and 37,000 tonnes, respectively. For February, 1992 the increase allowed was 17,000 tonnes of wheat and 35,000 tonnes of rice. For March, 1992 while there has been a reduction in the allocation of wheat to the extent of 23,000 tonnes, the allocation of rice has been increased by 50,000 tonnes over the original allocation for January, 1992.

Division of Maharashtra into Three Zones for the purpose of Levy Sugar

2558. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI BHUBANESHWAR KALITA:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Maharashtra have requested Central Government for the division of that State into three zones instead of present two zones for the purpose of levy sugar and for 100 per cent concession for free sale of sugar to the new sugar factories for the requisite years; and

(b) if so, by when the request made by the State Government is likely to be acceded to?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) No representation has been received recently with regard to division of Maharashtra into three zones for the purpose of levy sugar price fixation.

However, a representation has been received for division of Maharashtra into three recovery areas for the purpose of grant of incentives to new sugar factories in the form of 100 per cent free-sale for 10, 12 and 15 years.

(b) Formulation of an incentive scheme to cover letters of intent/licences/re-endorsements issued/to be issued during the period 7-9-90 to the end of the VIIIth Plan i.e. 30-9-97 is under consideration of the Government.